

ITALIANS WIN IN MOUNTAINS

Forefall Austrian Efforts And Capture Heights Of Importance

Further Short Advance Will Command Railroad Parallel to Front

NEW YORK, July 1.—(Associated Press)—Italian forces, supported by their British and French allies attacked the Austro-German forces on Saturday along a mountain front of nearly four miles extending from Monte di Valbella almost to the left bank of the Brenta River and yesterday repulsed counter attacks and consolidated their positions. They stormed and took the Austrian positions on Monte di Valbella and other heights and require but a short advance to train their artillery along the railroad that parallels the Italian positions on the Asiago Plateau.

WIN BITTER STRUGGLE

It was only after a bitter struggle on Saturday that the Italians and their Allies drove out the Austrians in an engagement at close quarters, capturing more than eight hundred prisoners, several field and mountain guns and a number of machine guns and munitions, is the report reaching Rome from Italian headquarters. Counter attacks were yesterday successfully repulsed in every instance although the enemy attacked desperately and in large forces, and positions are being consolidated. Vienna admits but seeks to minimize the Italian victory. The Vienna official report says that the Italians penetrated advanced Austrian positions at Valbella but were later ejected by strong counter attacks.

OBSERVERS ARE SURPRISED

The Italian offensive has come as a surprise to both laymen and military critics for it was believed that General Diaz would be content to merely hold the strong mountain positions he had against the new offensive that it is believed is intended by the Austrians when reinforced by German troops.

The attack was not limited to Monte di Valbella, between the Brenta River and Monte Sissom and commanding Val Franzela, but extended almost to the left bank of the Brenta River where were captured the heights of Sasao and Rosso, commanding positions of considerable importance.

FORESTALLS ENEMY THRUST

These actions may explain the failure of the Italians to pursue the foe across the Piave River. It is probable that General Diaz expected the heaviest blow of the enemy to be struck against the mountain sectors, which is the key to the Italian situation and seized the opportunity to weaken the enemy positions and thus forestall a thrust in the Brenta River sector.

It is not believed that the Italian commander contemplates local objectives but it will not require much of an advance through the Asiago Plateau to place the Italian and Allied artillery where its fire will reach the railroad paralleling the battle front held by the Austrians.

FRENCH CAPTURE RIDGES AND TAKE SOME PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(Associated Press)—The French still keep nibbling at and biting into the German lines on the Western front to the north of the Marne. Northwest of Chateau Thierry yesterday the French succeeded in capturing the crest of a ridge which strategically improves their position. There was some hard hand to hand fighting and the storming party took 260 prisoners and some guns. This was the only infantry activity reported in the French official reports.

On the British front the day was generally quiet except for an attempted raid by the Germans in the vicinity of Arras which was repulsed.

AMERICANS MAKE RAID

At several points along the American front there were raids or encounters between patrols. It is said in last night's communiqué. In Pleroy a small body of Americans captured thirty-six of the enemy, including one officer. In the Vesle sector heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy when an attempted raid was repulsed. In the vicinity of Chateau Thierry heavy shelling is reported.

General Pershing also claims that the Americans have improved their positions to the south of Torgny.

Chief of Staff March says that last week the engagements along the American front were generally local in character. The Americans at all times and in all places are more than holding their own and he desires the people at home to understand that the rank and file are doing splendidly all along the line.

CASUALTY LIST GROWS

During the past month, when larger forces of Americans got into the fighting and held more important sectors, the casualty list has been mounting rapidly. Casualties to date as reported yesterday were 9131 for the army and 1255 among the marines. In yesterday's casualty list among the marines the killed were listed as four, died of wounds two, severely wounded forty-one and one was missing. The army casualty list gave the names of eleven killed in action, seven dead of wounds, three from disease and three from accident. There were forty six severely wounded and one was made a prisoner.

AMERICANS ENCOURAGE FRENCH ARTISTS STILL

PARIS, June 30.—(Associated Press)—For the purchase of 325 works of art, twenty-eight thousand dollars have been spent in the last year by the American Red Cross, an organization of American art patrons, according to the latest annual report of the organization.

Patrons of the organization who contributed 500 francs or more had the choice of one work of art while other members of the organization decided their right to any particular piece by lot.

Among those who secured works were M. J. Boudin, Philadelphia; Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, New York; Mrs. D. Cady Eaton, New Haven, Conn.; Miss R. Goldschmidt and Bertha Welsh, San Francisco; M. Guggenheim, New York; and Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland.

RUSSIANS DETERMINE TO STAND FOR TRUE CAUSE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—(Official)—Russians here have determined to incorporate a "Defense League of Free Russia." It will be the purpose of this league to organize clubs which will discuss and familiarize the members with the actual conditions in Russia. It will refuse to recognize the Brest-Litovsk treaty and will support a firm alliance for Russia with the Allies.

AVIATORS ARE KILLED

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 1.—(Associated Press)—Lieutenant William Ravennell of the District of Columbia and Corp. Ray Dunning of Iowa were killed in an airplane accident here yesterday.

HUNGARY SHOCKED AT LOSS

AMSTERDAM, July 1.—(Associated Press)—Premier von Wokrich of Hungary created a sensation that has spread rapidly through the kingdom and into Austria when before parliament on Saturday he admitted immense losses of Austro-Hungarians in the battle along the Italian front. The premier gave figures which seemed surprisingly large although they are meager as compared to the Italian claims. His speech has had the effect of breaking bad news to the people of the dual empire.

The Hungarian premier in his speech to parliament admitted the loss of 12,000 prisoners but sought to palliate the shock by claiming the capture of 50,000 Italians. Even more startling was his admission of casualties numbering a hundred thousand though he said most of these losses were from sickness.

W. A. S. HOLLAND ELECTIONS FIRST DURING WAR

AMSTERDAM, July 1.—(Associated Press)—The general election in Holland fixed for July 3, has more than ordinary interest for the outside world as it will be the first during the war. It may possibly result in the replacement of the present extra-parliamentary cabinet, which has held office throughout the war, by a regular party ministry.

It will be the first election to be held on the basis of the revised constitution with universal and proportional representation, so that the result is more than usually uncertain. While the Dutch socialists have hitherto refused to participate in the government, the party now intimates its readiness to enter an eventual ministry if satisfactory guarantees are forthcoming regarding the democratic basis of the policy.

Twenty-one parties have nominated candidates including the new Economic League, of which the present Finance Minister, Dr. Treub, is leader, another body calling itself the League for Democratization of the Army, and little class groups claiming to champion the interests of shopkeepers, the agricultural population or the police. The campaign is already in progress.

W. A. S. JEWELRY BARRED BY ITALY FROM EXPORT

ROME, June 30.—(Associated Press)—The exportation of diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, and other precious stones has been prohibited. The reason for this action is that the depreciated value of Italian money has made it possible for dealers in Switzerland, France, or Spain to buy these stones in Italy at the market price in lire and yet get a handsome bargain, really paying for a set of diamonds worth 100,000 lire not more than 40,000 to 70,000 lire. As there has been accumulated in Italy for many centuries past large quantities of valuable stones, many of which since the war have been put on the market by needy owners, the four has been expressed that Italy has been losing much of this form of her national wealth, through exportations, particularly to Switzerland.

W. A. S. MANY CRUSHED WHEN BUILDING COLLAPSES

SIoux CITY, Iowa, June 30.—(Associated Press)—A three-story building which was being remodeled collapsed yesterday, crushing two adjacent two-story buildings. Fire started in the ruins.

Last night the casualty list as reported was six known dead and five injured while others were believed to be buried beneath the ruins. It is estimated the death list will reach ten and the injured will number twenty.

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY IN ITALY QUADRUPLED

ROME, June 30.—(Associated Press)—The automobile industry has been quadrupled in Italy owing to war demands. As compared with 1913, there are now 55 manufacturing companies instead of 12, with a total capital of nearly 200,000,000 lire as compared to 50,000,000 lire in 1913. Dividends now paid are 8 percent as compared to 3.5 percent in 1913. Exports of automobiles have increased in value nearly four times, or from 35,000,000 lire to 115,000,000.

The use of passenger cars by private persons has been forbidden for a year, so as to save motor and lubricating oils for military purposes.

THREE WAR MEASURES REQUIRE NINETEEN BILLION DOLLARS

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(Official)—Actual outlay of the government for the fiscal year from July 1, 1917, to today, has been \$12,000,000,000 for war expenses. In times of peace the government has spent less than a billion dollars annually. Now single bills appropriate far more than that sum and are passed without call and the government expenditures are multiplied twelve fold.

In addition to this \$12,000,000,000, the government spent \$1,200,000,000 in the three months preceding this fiscal year, bringing total war expenditures for the war up to \$13,200,000,000.

War activities are now costing the country about \$50,000,000 daily, the expenditures for the month of June having been a billion and a half dollars.

Receipts for taxes won at about the same rate, but the deficit is still mounting. The government is now spending more than it is receiving. The deficit for the first six months of the fiscal year is \$1,000,000,000.

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Army Appropriation Bill and the Fortifications Bill. The former carries appropriations for \$12,089,000,000 and is the largest single budget in the history of the world. It provides for an army of three million men and its approval by the President is expected tomorrow.

The Fortifications Bill carries appropriations for \$3,408,000,000 and is the largest bill for such purposes the world has known. It covers sufficient sums for the equipment of an army of three million men with necessary ordnance. This bill still has to go to a conference committee for the settlement of difference between the house and senate members which, it is believed, will not be difficult of adjustment.

Congress has completed consideration of the Naval Appropriation Bill, carrying appropriations of \$1,610,000,000 which has gone to the President for approval.

These three war measures provide for expenditures of \$17,107,000,000 and do not include the estimated war costs for the year for all purposes and in all departments.

Three billions of dollars is the balance of trade in favor of the United States for the fiscal year that ends today. Exports have been approximately six billions of dollars and imports have been about three billions.

One of the striking features of the year's trade has been the flow of gold to South America.

W. A. S. SIoux CITY DEATH LIST INCREASING

SIoux CITY, Iowa, July 1.—(Associated Press)—Deaths yesterday from the list of casualties resulting from the collapse of the building that was being remodeled which carried with it two adjacent buildings in its fall, continued to grow. The known dead now number thirty-nine and it is believed that the total may reach fifty.

Judging by the condition of several of the bodies that have been recovered, it is probable that several bodies have been completely incinerated.

The identified dead thus far are fourteen, seven being men and seven women.

W. A. S. KAUAI IS STILL SOMEWHAT DAMP

AI Liquor Houses of Garden Island Close But Honolulu Brewery Keeps on Selling Beer

Kauai, the island which was supposed to go "bone dry" Saturday evening, will not be quite so dry as had been figured. It appears that in the calculations the charter of the Honolulu brewery to do a territory-wide business had not been figured, and, of course, a charter of that sort takes precedence over regulations of a local or county liquor board.

As the matter now stands, the Kauai liquor houses are closed—all of them having sold out their stocks by Saturday night; but the Honolulu brewery has taken the premises of C. W. Smith, at Nawiliwili, and will at once open a sales branch there. It can run only until August 20. The brewery has the right to sell in quantities as low as two dozen bottles, but, it is understood, will actually put out the brew only by the barrel. So Kauai people are, for the present, only on their way to the depot.

The brewery will also continue to do business with Maui and Hawaii, to August 20, these islands still being "wet."

W. A. S. HILO PROVIDES FOR THIRSTY OF OAHU

The Hilo Daily Tribune says that at the present time Hilo is the Mecca of most of the thirsty ones of Oahu. Liquor, intended for consumption in this city, is being shipped by every steamer to Honolulu, and the freight list grows every time the Mauna Kea pulls out for Oahu. More is being constantly rushed into Hilo, however, so that there is little danger of a shortage before the trap is sprung on the liquor business in this Territory on August 20.

It is said that all of the saloons in Hilo would keep open to August 20, paying the license for a year; but that a few on West Hawaii would close. Hilo dealers expect to do a record business around July 1, this week.

The statement is made that one dealer is heavily stocked with Hawaiian wine, upon which he stands to lose considerably, as it is hardly possible that he can clear it off before being required to close up.

W. A. S. AMERICA ESTABLISHES HOSPITAL IN IRELAND

QUEENSTOWN, June 29.—(Associated Press)—A large dwelling house, with a considerable area of land attached, has been acquired near Queenstown for an American naval hospital. It will be used for men from American warships. Wooden dormitories will be added to the existing building so as to bring the capacity of the hospital up to 250 beds. The dormitories are being built in sections in America and shipped to Ireland in knock-down form.

W. A. S. SUGAR ON HAWAII

The following sugar is waiting shipment on the island of Hawaii: Oahu, 65,000; Pepee, 54,000; Honolulu, 29,400; Hawaii, 10,710; Bismarck, 18,100; Kailua, 21,000; Lanipohoehoe, 58,041; Waialeale, 20,000; Oahu, none; Hilo Sugar Co., 19,000; Hakalua, 59,943; Pauhau, 5,815; Pualoa, 19,915; Houmao, 3,200.

W. A. S. YOUNG PRINCE UNABLE TO GO TO HIS PARENTS

LONDON, July 1.—(Associated Press)—Prince Alexis, according to German newspapers, is seriously ill and was unable to leave Tobolsk to join his parents at Ekaterinburg. He is being nursed by Princess Tatiana who is remained by his bedside.

ONE BELGIAN MONASTERY MAY ESCAPE RUIN BY HUNS

Kaiser Asks General To Stop Shelling But Is Moved By Other Motives Than Religious Scruples In Action

PRIOR ONLY PERSON TO KNOW GRAVE LOCATION

Refuses To Divulge Secret Until German Forces Are Out of Belgium Even When Written To By The Pope

LONDON, July 1.—(Associated Press)—One religious institution may be spared by the Huns in Belgium for the Kaiser has sent a request that the bombardment of it shall cease. The moving power is no religious scruple but the fear that the location of the grave of a relative may never be known if the bombardment shall go on.

It has been learned at British headquarters that the Kaiser sent a letter to the German commander asking him to cease shelling and to spare the Trappist monastery at Mont des Cats which has recently been under heavy bombardment.

The prior of this monastery is the only person who knows the location of the grave of Prince Max of Hesse, a relative of the Kaiser who died in the monastery after he had been shot in 1914.

Previous to the letter which the Kaiser sent to his commander he had written to the Pope asking him to learn and inform him of the location of this grave. The Pope sent the letter to the prior who replied that he would never divulge his secret so long as German forces occupied Belgium.

The prior is believed to be still in the monastery in spite of the shelling which it has been given.

W. A. S. PRISON TERM FOR PRINCESS ORDERED

Mrs. Belliveau Ordered To Pay Penalty For Conspiracy; Counsel Takes Exception

"Princess" Theresa Wilcox Belliveau was sentenced by Circuit Judge Heen yesterday morning to a three years imprisonment at hard labor in Oahu penitentiary, as a result of her conviction on charges of having entered into a conspiracy to defraud the heirs of the estate of the late Queen Liliuokalani, by means of a forged document purporting to be a last will and testament.

James Keoluha, convicted as her partner in the conspiracy, who posed as one of the two witnesses to the "signature" of the Queen, was sentenced to three years at hard labor in the same penitentiary.

New Trials Denied

Motions for new trials for both of the defendants were denied by Judge Heen, who thereupon proceeded to sentence the conspirators.

Exceptions, only, were noted by Andrews & Pittman, attorneys for Mrs. Belliveau, to the sentence and the denial of the motion. If these are carried up to the supreme court, the latter will rule upon them and, if the ruling be unfavorable, will probably result in Mrs. Belliveau entering prison for the term ordered out to her.

Attorneys for Keoluha, instead of noting exceptions, announced that they would take a direct appeal to the supreme court.

Other Indictments

There are still indictments hanging over both the defendants in connection with the forging of the Queen's signature to the "will" which Mrs. Belliveau filed in the court as that of the Queen.

This brings to an ignominious close the career of Mrs. Belliveau, who self-styled herself "Princess," and who started Washington society when she went there as the wife of the first delegate to congress from Hawaii, the late Robert Wilcox, about eighteen years ago.

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